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### West Point Commencement Address

President Obama (May 28): "Ultimately, global leadership requires us to see the world as it is, with all its danger and uncertainty. ... But American leadership also requires us to see the world as it should be."



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### Address at Yale College Class Day

Secretary Kerry (May 18): "What makes America different from other nations ... is that we are united by an uncommon idea: that we're all created equal and all endowed with unalienable rights." ..[more](#).



### Embassy Holds Sentencing Reform Conference

The U.S. Embassy and the Macedonian Judicial Academy jointly hosted a conference on May 12-13 on



"U.S. Sentencing Reform Experience and Lessons Learned for Macedonia." Ambassador Paul D. Wohlers praised the efforts of Macedonian judicial authorities ...[more](#).

### Embassy Volunteers Pitch In

Two teams of volunteers from the U.S. Embassy, led by Ambassador and Mrs.



Wohlers, participated in a Habitat for Humanity Macedonia building project in the city of Veles. American and locally employed staff built walls, cleared rocky ground, and mixed and laid cement ... [more](#).

### [President Obama's Memorial Day Remarks](#)

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President Obama (May 26): "The fallen patriots we memorialize today gave their last full measure of devotion. ... Everything that we hold precious in this country was made possible by Americans who gave their all." ...[more](#).



### [Ukrainians Deserve to Choose Own Path Too, U.S. Ambassador Says](#)

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Ukrainians deserve to choose their own path too, U.S. Ambassador to Spain James Costos says in a blog post on May 23....[more](#).

### [U.S. Acts to Improve Welcome for International Visitors](#)

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Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker and Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, in a joint op-ed, announce new efforts to improve the travel experience of international visitors ...[more](#).

### [10 Things You Need to Know About U.S. Support for Free Internet](#)

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"By 2016 there will be 3 billion Internet users globally — almost half the world's population," says Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. ...[more](#).

### [U.S. Embassy Sponsors Volunteer Fair](#)

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U.S. Embassy Macedonia organized our first Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, May 6, at the National Library in Skopje. More than 150 potential volunteers attended the fair, which featured booths for more than twenty organizations working on issues that include domestic violence ... [more photos](#).



### [U.S. Sends Expert Team to Balkans After Floods Unearth Land](#)

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The U.S. State Department deploys its Quick Reaction Force, a group of civilian explosive-ordnance-disposal experts, to Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina...[more](#).

### [Assistant Secretary Ryan Pays Tribute to Maya Angelou](#)

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Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Evan Ryan pays tribute to Maya Angelou, beloved American poet, author, actor, director, professor, and Civil Rights activist ..[more](#).

### [U.S. Plans Carbon Cuts from Power Plants](#)

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The Obama administration unveils new proposals for reducing carbon emissions from U.S. power plants. Regulators predict that the power plants can reduce...[more](#).

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